

USDA-NRCS-MINNESOTA EQIP APPLICATION SCORING WORKSHEET

National Priority Scoring for Benton County

(Complete individual factor parts only if cost-shared practices are to be installed)

APPLICANT _____ APPLICATION # _____ FARM # _____ TRACT #(s) _____ DATE _____

FACTOR A1 - SHEET AND RILL and/or WIND EROSION CONTROL on any land use

Weighted tons soil/ac./yr. to be saved = _____

>0-<3 ☐ 1 point

3-5 ☐ 3 points

>5 ☐ 6 points

☐ 1 point

1 Additional Point if soil erosion is reduced from above "T"
to "T" or below on all acres

Total A1 Points (Maximum 7)

FACTOR A2-CLASSIC OR EPHEMERAL GULLY CONTROL on any land use

Structural practice to control gullies 410; 412; 638

☐ 6 points

A2 Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR B1-WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PRACTICES

Practice 351; 391; 393; 590; 725; 472(in riparian areas)

☐ 6 points

OR Practice 332; 386; 449; 595; 580; 362; 558*, 709*

☐ 4 points

*installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system

B1 Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR B2- WASTEWATER AND RUNOFF CONTROL/CNMP

Either SUBFACTOR 1. FEEDLOT RUNOFF CONTROL (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IF APPLICABLE)

FLEVAL Rating See Instructions

<1 ☐ 0 Points

1-10 ☐ 1 Points

11-25 ☐ 2 Points

26-49 ☐ 4 Points

>49 ☐ 6 Points

Or SUBFACTOR 2. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION See Instructions

☐ 6 points

Or SUBFACTOR 3. SEASONAL LANDSPREADING See Instructions

☐ 3 points

Or SUBFACTOR 4. LIVESTOCK MORTALITY COMPOSTING FACILITY OR SILAGE LEACHATE

ABATEMENT SYSTEM - either item as a single practice See Instructions

☐ 3 points

1 Additional point if subfactor 4 is part of a waste system with other subfactors

☐ 1 point

Total B2 Points (Maximum 7)

FACTOR C- HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Practice 395; 643; 645; 647; 657;

☐ 6 points

1 additional point if practice benefits a threatened or endangered species.

☐ 1 point

See instructions.

Total C Points (Maximum 7)

FACTOR D AIR QUALITY

Practice is specifically installed to benefit air quality. See Instructions

☐ 6 points

OR Practice installed to benefit air quality as a secondary purpose.

☐ 1 point

See instructions

D Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR E-IMPAIRED WATERBODY/TMDL

Non-point Source Control Project in an impaired watershed or applicant located in and applying a targeted practice in Southeastern Minnesota Fecal Coliform TMDL Impaired Reach.

☐ 1 point

See instructions.

E Points (Maximum 1)

FACTOR F-DISTANCE

Distance from applicable practice or field edge to a receiving water. **CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.**

Factors A1, A2, B1, B2 ☐ <100' 4pts ☐ 100 to 500' 3pts ☐ 501 to 1000' 2pts ☐ 1001 to 2000' 1 pts

or
Factors C, G, H ☐ 3pts ☐ 2pts ☐ 1pts ☐ 0pts.

F Points (Maximum 4)

NATIONAL PRIORITY SCORE

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Factor A1. Erosion Control	_____	<u>9</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor A2. Gully Control	_____	<u>9</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B1. Water Resource Protection	_____	<u>10</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B2. Wastewater/runoff/CNMP	_____	<u>2</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor C. Wildlife Habitat	_____	<u>4</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor D. Air Quality	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor E. Impaired Water Body	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor F. Distance	_____	<u>7</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total of National Priorities(must exceed 0)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FACTOR G- PRESCRIBED GRAZING SYSTEM (move based on plant growth stage)

Practice 528A or 528A1

☐ 6 points

G Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR H-FOREST MANAGEMENT

Practice: 655, 666, 490, 612

☐ 6 points

Total H Points (Maximum 6)

FACTOR I-ADDITIONAL LOCAL OR AREA CONCERN

6 pts. Enter concern and appropriate practices. See instructions.

☐ 6 points

I Points (Maximum 6)

The Local Work Group assigned the following points to Item I in order to address high priority watersheds and high priority practices. The total pre-weighted points scored cannot exceed 6 for this item.

Item	Points
Located in the Little Rock Lake Watershed	3
Located in the Elk River Watershed	2
Well Decommissioning	6
Wetland Restoration	3
Headland Planting	2
Activities associated with feedlots on feedlots eligible for the MPCA Open Lot Agreement	2
Tree and Shrub Planting	1
Upland Wildlife Habitat	1
Forest Stand Improvement	1
Closure of Abandoned Waste Facility	3

FACTOR J-COST EFFECTIVENESS

Practices are a cost-effective solution for the primary concern

☐ 1 point

J Points (Maximum1)

SCORE

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Total from National Priorities(above)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor G. Grazing System	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor H. Forest Management	_____	<u>7</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor I. Additional Local Concern	_____	<u>10</u>	_____	_____	_____

Factor J. Cost Effectiveness	_____	<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total Points	_____		=====!!!!!!		=====

Participant Application Data – not related to scoring

COUNTY: _____
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____ HYDROLOGIC UNIT CODE (14 DIGIT) _____
 CONTRACT LENGTH _____ ACRES IN CONTRACT _____
 GENDER _____ RACE _____ ETHNICITY _____
 LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER ☐ BEGINNING FARMER ☐
 PERSON PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THIS APPLICATION _____
 AMOUNT OF EQIP FUNDS DIRECTED TO ALL LIVESTOCK RELATED PRACTICES \$ _____
 FLEVAL RATING _____ NUMBER ANIMAL UNITS _____ PRIMARY ANIMAL ENTERPRISE _____
☐ AG BMP LOAN ☐ BWSR Cost Share ☐ 319 Cost Share ☐ NGO Cost-share

